

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Budget Meeting #1
Minutes of November 30, 2006**

Chairman Wallace opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Selectmen Adams, Demasi, LeClair, Johnson, Municipal Manager Allard, Laurie Baroffio, Finance Director and Gregg Sanders from the public.

The purpose of the meeting was the begin review of the proposed 2007-2008 budget.

Manager Allard began by giving the Board a general overview of the budget and the impact on taxes should the budget be approved as presented.

There were not a lot of questions as the first part of the first part of the budget is pretty much standard operating costs. The Board would like more information about the service that Green Mountain Transit is currently providing to Northfield. Selectman Johnson will make an inquiry at the Senior Center.

The Manager advised the Board that she has eliminated the line items for the Start/Sharp and the Governors Highway Program for this year. As there will be 3 officers in the academy in the spring, she feels the newly trained officers should concentrate on their basic skills as law enforcement officers in Northfield and not take time to participate in State programs. Additionally, it is risky to have our officers on duty throughout the State where accidents unrelated to Northfield can occur affecting our operations. Members of the Board had a brief discussion about services our Police Department renders to other towns.

The next meeting will be on December 4, 2006 at 6:30 in the Town Office conference room.

A motion was made at 7:55 p.m. by Selectman Johnson to adjourn, seconded by Selectman LeClair. So moved.

Respectfully submitted.

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